



In re Application of:

Chad A. Mirkin, et al.

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated April 17, 2003. A Petition for an extension of time (three months) and requisite fee are attached herewith. Please amend this application as shown below.